Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team posted a school-record 32 wins against just three losses; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team won a share of the North Central Conference regular season title for the first time in school history; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team led by All-North Central Conference performers, Melissa Pater, Brenda Davis, and Shannon Schlagel, honorable mention selection, Stacie Cizek, and NCC Freshman of the Year, Heather Sieler; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team Academic All-Conference selections, Karly Hegge and Melissa Pater, provided leadership both on the court and in the classroom; and,

Whereas, Melissa Pater set SDSU single-season (681 points) and career (1,747) records for scoring; and,

Whereas, Brenda Davis reached the 1,000-point milestone; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Coach, Aaron Johnston, led SDSU to its first national championship in any sport since 1996; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team led all of NCAA Division II in scoring with an average of 85.7 points per game; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team won its second consecutive North Central Regional title to qualify for the NCAA Division II Elite Eight; and,

Whereas, The SDSU Jackrabbit Women's Basketball Team won the first NCAA Division II women's basketball national championship in school history:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2003, as

SDSU JACKRABBIT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State